

# MICHAEL A. ZUCKERMAN, ESQ.

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Zuckerman Dispute Resolution LLC, Mediator and Arbitrator, Chicago, IL, Sept. 2021 – Present**

- Provide professional, third-party neutral mediation and arbitration services for civil disputes involving consumer credit and debts, lemon laws, contracts and warranties, retail and ecommerce, professional services, small claims, torts, property/real estate, insurance, and employment.

**Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Clinical Assistant Professor of Law, Chicago, IL, July 2019 – Sept. 2021**  
(offered contract extension)

- Taught communication and legal reasoning; served by Dean's appointment on clerkship committee; research activity included civil procedure, access to justice, civil rights, legal education, and ethics.

**Jones Day, Associate, Issues & Appeals Group, Chicago, IL, Nov. 2012 – Oct. 2017**

- Practice focused on trial and appellate litigation in myriad areas of the law; drafted motions, memoranda, and appellate briefs; coordinated discovery and took depositions; argued motions and appeals in federal court; handled class actions nationwide; participated in mediations and arbitrations; negotiated settlements and drafted settlement agreements; counseled clients on legal strategy and litigation trends.
- Handled hundreds of individual consumer matters, including those involving credit reporting practices, data furnishing, financial institutions, lending, debt collection, and general business practices.
- Maintained active consumer class action practice, handling claims involving issues such as consumer credit and data reporting, marketing practices, and product warranties and performance.
- Supervised nationwide litigation team responding to consumer credit issues in bankruptcy proceedings.
- Conducted internal investigation into fraud resulting in a criminal prosecution; activities included presenting case to federal prosecutors; supported global internal investigation into alleged FCPA violations; work included leading dozens of witness interviews, drafting internal legal memoranda.
- Represented *pro bono* with the Settlement Assistance Program in the Northern District of Illinois.
- Recognized by federal judge for "outstanding and selfless efforts" that "make one proud to be a lawyer."

**Kirkland & Ellis, LLP, Summer Associate, Chicago, IL, Summer 2008** (offer extended)

**Discovery Docket, LLC, Founder & CEO, Chicago, IL, Oct. 2017 – Aug. 2018**

- Created innovative cloud-based docketing platform to solve practical problems in discovery.

## JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

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**Hon. Amy J. St. Eve, U.S. Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit**

- *Judicial Law Clerk*, Chicago, IL, Aug. 2018 – June 2019

**Hon. Amy J. St. Eve, U.S. District Judge, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois**

- *Judicial Law Clerk*, Chicago, IL, Oct. 2011 – Oct. 2012

**Hon. Eric L. Clay, U.S. Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit**

- *Judicial Law Clerk*, Detroit, MI, Sept. 2010 – Sept. 2011

**Hon. Cheryl L. Pollak, U.S. Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York**

- *Judicial Law Clerk*, Brooklyn, NY, Sept. 2009 – Sept. 2010

## EDUCATION

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**Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY**

J.D., *cum laude*, 2009; GPA 3.64 (public law concentration)

- *Cornell Law Review* (note editor)
- *Supreme Court Bulletin* (editor)

**Cornell University, Ithaca, NY**

B.S., Industrial and Labor Relations, 2006; GPA 3.96

- Senior Class President (delivered graduation speech)

## **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) ACTIVITIES**

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### **ADR Certifications / Activities**

- Mediator, AAA Roster of Mediators, Panel Member
- Mediator, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (Western Div.)
- Mediator, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois
- Mediator, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana
- Mediator, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chancery Division
- Mediator, Circuit Court of Cook County, Law Division
- Mediator, Circuit Court of Cook County, Probate Division
- Mediator, 1st Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Civil Claims (Several Counties)
- Mediator, 12th Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Small Claims and Evictions (Lake County)
- Mediator, 18th Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Evictions (DuPage County)
- Mediator, 19th Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Small Claims & Evictions (Will County)
- Mediator, 21st Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Civil Claims (Kankakee and Iroquois Counties)
- Mediator, Chicago Bar Association Mediation Service
- Arbitrator, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), Roster of Arbitrators
- Arbitrator, Circuit Court of Cook County, Mandatory-Court Annexed Arbitration Program
- Arbitrator, 12th Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Mandatory-Court Annexed Arbitration Program
- Arbitrator, Better Business Bureau of Chicago and Northern Illinois
- Arbitrator and Mediator, DeMars & Associates, Panel Member
- Arbitrator and Mediator, National Center for Dispute Resolution, Panel Member
- Arbitrator and Mediator, Resolute Systems, Inc., Panel Member
- Hearing Officer, National Arbitration and Mediation (NAM), Panel Member
- Law Clerk to Panel Neutrals, JAMS

### **Training (Selected)**

- Advanced Mediator Training, Association of Attorney-Mediators (2022); FINRA Arbitration Training (2022); BBB Arbitration Training (2022); Certificate of Completion, Northwestern University School of Professional Studies, 40-Hour Mediation Skills Training Program (2021); Training, Mandatory Arbitration Training, Circuit Court of Cook County (2021); Training, Center for Conflict Resolution, Evictions and Court Adapted Mediation, (2021); Advanced Mediator Training, Association of Attorney-Mediators (2021)

## **LEADERSHIP, AWARDS & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (Selected)**

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### **Presentations / Speaking Engagements**

- Moderator & Host, Association of Attorney-Mediators, Appellate Mediation: A Conversation with Chief Circuit Mediator Joel Shapiro (2022)
- Moderator, Association of Attorney-Mediators, Mediators in Robes: Mediation Tips from Federal Magistrate Judges (2022)
- Panelist, ABA Section on Dispute Resolution, The Many Roads to ADR: The Volunteer Experience, Doing Well by Doing Good (2022)
- Panelist, ABA Tech Show, Top Insights from Analyzing AI Tools in Legal Writing Instruction (2022)
- Speaker, Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners, Best Practices for Reports (2021)
- Participant, Podcast: Technically Legal, AI and Legal Writing (2021)
- Panelist, Ethics 2020, Law Bulletin Seminars, Social Media/Review Websites (2020)
- Panelist, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Diversity and Being Out in the Legal Community (2019)
- Panelist, Chicago Bar Association, Federal Practice and Discovery Disputes (2018)
- Panelist & Speaker, Numerous Firm Events About Clerkships and Career Advancement (2012-2017)
- Speaker, ABA Federal Procurement Institute, Offshore State Government Contracting (2009)
- Speaker, Law & Society Association, The Intersection of Public and Private Work (2008)
- Speaker, Cornell School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Offshoring in the Public Sector (2008)

## Volunteer Activities

- Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Inc. (2013 – Present)
  - Represent litigants in mediation as part of the NDIL Settlement Assistance Program
- Court-Annexed Mediation Throughout Illinois (2021 – Present)
- Parkinson's Foundation of Greater Illinois (2020 – Present)
- National Student/Parent Mock Election (2015 – Present)
- National Young Leadership Cabinet, Jewish Federations of North America (2017 – Present)
- Cornell University
  - Current roles include appointment to the Administrative Board of the Cornell Council; service on with the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network; ILR Mentorship Program
  - Previous roles include: Law School Dean's Advisory Committee; Law School Dean's Special Leadership Committee; National Chair of Young Alumni Giving; Alumni Class President

## Awards

- *Excellence in Pro Bono Service*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (2016)
- *Outstanding Young Lawyer*, Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Inc. (2014)
- *Burton Award for Distinguished Legal Writing*, Library of Congress & Burton Foundation (2009)
- *First Place, Public Contract Law Writing Competition*, American Bar Association (2009)

## Professional Associations (Selected)

- American Bar Association: Center for Professional Responsibility, Publications Board; Section on Dispute Resolution, Membership Committee
- Illinois State Bar Association: Member, ADR Section Council (appointed)
- Association of Attorney-Mediators, Illinois Chapter: Member, Programming Committee
- Federal Bar Association: Editorial Board, *The Federal Lawyer* (previous)
- Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago (LAGBAC)
- Chicago Bar Association
- Lake County Bar Association
- Association for Conflict Resolution, Chicago Chapter

## PUBLICATIONS (Selected)

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*Why Contempt May Be Apt Punishment For High Court Leaker*, Law360 Expert Analysis (2022); *Law Professor Makes a Case Against Automating Legal Writing in Law School*, ABA Journal (2021); *A Creative Solution for Teaching Local Practice in Law School*, Law360 Expert Analysis (2020); *The Ethics of a Gig*, Lawyer's Forum, Chicago Daily Law Bulletin (2020); *Legal Ethics Apply on LinkedIn, Too*, Silicon Valley Business Journal (2020); *Thanks for Nothing: When Should Lawyers End an Email with 'Thank You'?*, ABA Journal Online (2020); *One Gig Too Many*, Guest Post, Legal Profession Blog (2020); *More from the #Jury Box: The Latest on Juries and Social Media*, 12 Duke L. & Tech. Rev. 64 (2014) (co-authored with Hon. Amy J. St. Eve and Hon. Charles P. Burns); *Ferrets and Truffles and Hounds, Oh My: Getting Beyond Waiver*, 18 Green Bag 2d 77 (2014) (co-authored with Andrey Spektor); *The Forgotten Pleading*, 7 Fed. Cts. L. Rev. 152 (2013) (co-authored with Hon. Amy J. St. Eve); *Legal Writing as Good Writing: Tips from the Trenches*, 14 J. App. Prac. & Proc. 303 (2013) (co-authored with Andrey Spektor); *Expert Case Management*, At Sidebar, 60 Fed. Lawyer 4 (2013); *Ensuring an Impartial Jury in the Age of Social Media*, 11 Duke L. & Tech. Rev. 1 (2012) (co-authored with Hon. Amy J. St. Eve); *Judicial Recusal and Expanding Notions of Due Process*, 13 U. Pa. J. Const. L. 977 (2011) (co-authored with Andrey Spektor); *Constitutional Clash: When English-Only Meets Voting Rights*, Essay, 28 Yale L. & Pol'y Rev. 353 (2010); *Yes, I Destroyed the Evidence – Sue Me? Intentional Spoliation of Evidence in Illinois*, 27 J. Marshall J. Comput. & Info. L. 235 (2009); *The Offshoring of American Government*, Note, 94 Cornell L. Rev. 165 (2009); *The Court of Congressional Contempt*, Note, 25 J. L. & Pol. 41 (2009)

## BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

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State of Illinois; Supreme Court of the United States; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit; U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois; U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana; U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin